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Upcoming Events

4-29 October Synod on
Synodality, Rome.

12th November - Baptism Aria
Manson.

Mass schedule

Saturday 5.15pm Andrew McLay (51st Anniv)
7pm. Mass in Polish language

Sunday 11.00am S Michael Doonan (Birthday)

Monday 9.30am Bella Cameron (Anniv)

Tuesday All Saints - Vigil Mass
7pm November Remembrance List

Wednesday All Saints Day
9.30am School Mass at St. Mary's PS
November Remembrance List
7pm. Mass in Polish language
November Remembrance List

Thursday All Souls Day
9.30am. November Remembrance List
7pm. Mass in Polish language
November Remembrance List

Friday 9.30am Annie Lavery (Anniv)

Saturday 5.15pm Martin Doyle (RIP)
7pm. Mass in Polish language

Sunday 11.00am S. Catherine Peel

Announcements

Mass in Polish language
from September 2023
every Saturday 7pm.

**Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament & Confession**
6-7pm every Wednesday.

**October is the month of the
Holy Rosary.** At our church we
will say the rosary together 15
minutes before every Mass.

November Remembrance lists
envelops available at the
back of the church.

“If we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living” (Romans 14:8-9).

News from the parish and the archdiocese

Sanctuary Lamps: Ad Infinitam Dei Gloriam

Wednesday is the **Solemnity of All Saints** and is a Holiday of Obligation. Thursday is the **Commemoration of All the Faithful departed**. Plenary indulgence for the souls in purgatory may be obtained for visiting a cemetery 1-8 November and praying for those buried there.

Please see changes in this week's Mass schedule to accommodate our parish community, schools and Polish community at our church for All Saints and All Souls Day. No exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this Wednesday.

Next Children's Liturgy is on Sunday 5th November

There will be a Fairtrade stall next weekend after mass. Anne is still collecting old or broken items of jewellery, cameras, tablets or other electronic gadgets as well as obsolete foreign currency, banknotes or unwanted stamp collections on behalf of Transform Trade. Did you know that these can be turned into cash for charity? If you have any thing, please bring it along to the Fairtrade stall. There is a Facebook page, **Livingston and West Calder Fairtrade?** Why not join to be kept up to date on Fairtrade matters. Is there anyone willing to volunteer with the stall on a regular or occasional basis? This would suit a senior school student over 16. The time can count towards your Caritas Award. Or this could be and adult who comes to mass without children.

November Remembrance Lists – November is the month when we especially pray for our deceased. At the back of the Church you will find November lists envelopes. If you wish to include your deceased in the November prayers, please use the envelopes for optional donation towards Mass offering. On All Souls Day and the whole month of the November there will be special Masses offered for our deceased. Please put November prayers requests envelopes to the Sunday collection baskets or bring to the sacristy.

Safeguarding Event

The National Safeguarding Conference takes place on Saturday 18 November in Glasgow. The event is for anyone who has a safeguarding responsibility in a parish. Register at bit.ly/3Z93und.



In the Community

Pray for the sick

Elsie Burns, Irene McFadden, Frank McLinden, Margaret Mooney, Martin Coyne, Rachel Shiels, Bernard Kane, John Burns, Molly Wade.

Parish Mass Books

Order of Mass: p. 5
Readings: p.146.

Sunday collection

£527.20
+ approx. £311.75pw
(£71pw GoodBox - Card Payments
£59 pw Online Donations;
£181.75 pw Direct Debits)

Collection for Mission

Sunday £437.30.

Bonus Ball winner

Bonus Ball No. 21 Anne Grieve.

Job vacancy

The Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh is seeking to appoint an Administrator to provide support to the Chancery and Catechetics departments in the Archdiocesan offices at The Gillis Centre, Edinburgh. A full job description is available at archedinburgh.org/news-events To apply, please send CV and a cover letter to recruitment@staned.org.uk by Wednesday 8 November. Interviews scheduled for Friday 17 November.

Leaving a legacy Many people remember charities in their wills. This can be for a number of reasons: by way of a thank you for support they or their family have received from the charity; as a way of making sure that the charity's good work can continue in the future; as a way to make a difference. Most charities would not survive without legacies. Our parish community has received legacies over the years and in every case the generosity of these has made a significant difference to the Parish. If you would like to make a difference, please consider a legacy to your local church when planning for the future.

Synod Prayer Archbishop Cushley encourages us to pray for the success of the Synod of Bishops, which is taking place in Rome throughout October: We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

Diploma in Catechetics 2024

Registration is now open for the 2024 Diploma in Catechetics at bit.ly/archdiploma2024. The Diploma continues to substantially enrich the faith of individuals in our Archdiocese, thanks in part to clergy who support it. This year's cohort has roughly 70 students on track for Graduation. The Diploma begins on Thursday 25 January 2024. Encourage parishioners to take part by using the below insert in your parish newsletter. Further promotional material to follow.

Vocations retreat

Thinking about a vocation to the religious life? Join other young women at a retreat in Edinburgh led by Sr Mirjam Hugens FSO, the Archdiocesan Director for Religious Vocations. It takes place from 3-5 November 2023 at St Columba's, 9 Upper Gray Street, EH91SN. Email religiousvocations@staned.org.uk

Archdiocesan Youth Day!

A day of faith and fun for p4-7s on Saturday 25 November. Join us as we unpack Jesus the King of the Universe and explore how we can prepare to meet our King this Christmas. Games, talks, sweets, confessions, mass and more! 10:30am to 3:30pm at the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh. Speak to the parish priest to register.

Vocations Mass

The next Mass to pray for Vocations to the priesthood and religious life in the Archdiocese is on Tuesday 31 October at 7pm at St Margaret's, Drip Road, Raploch, Stirling, FK9 4UA.

Talk series at the Cathedral

St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh is hosting a series of special talks in October with US theologian Professor James Edwards. Tickets and details at bit.ly/Jesus-in-GospelofMark

Searching for Jesus in the Gospel of Mark

St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh hosts five evenings of special talks with US theologian Professor James Edwards. Begins 23 October. Tickets/details at bit.ly/Jesus-in-GospelofMark

Retreat in Daily Life

Fr David Stewart SJ leads a four-week Retreat in Daily Life from 1 October to 5 November. You can make this individually guided retreat without leaving your home, just attend the welcome gathering at the start, and a similar shared closing at Sacred Heart Church, Lauriston Street, Edinburgh, EH3 9DJ. For an application pack and more details email ejcretreats@jesuit.org.uk

Note about Hospitals - We have Catholic Chaplains assigned, but they can only act when the patient declares as a Roman Catholic and asks the Catholic Chaplain to be notified. So, communication on this matter when someone is admitted to hospital is essential. Please inform the Hospital staff that you are Catholic and you would like to see a Catholic chaplain. If you are to receive major surgery, it is recommended that you receive the Sacrament of Anointing prior to admission. If anyone has become housebound and would like Communion at home or would like to ask for the Sacrament for the sick, please contact Fr Marcin.

Mass offering - The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is at the heart of the Catholic Faith. It is a very special way of remembering a loved one, celebrating an anniversary, making a petition or an act of thanksgiving or sharing in the feasts and seasons of the Church year. If you wish the Mass to be offered in our churches in yours intentions please use special brown envelopes and please hand it to Fr Marcin or the sacristy. Customary Mass stipend is not for offered prayers but voluntary contribution towards up keeping of our clergy.

Car parking – Please use the church's car parking with consideration to other users by parking your car starting with the further available spot and not blocking other lines.

Child Protection Policy Statement: "The Catholic Church in Scotland is concerned with the lives, safety, wholeness and wellbeing of each individual person within God's purpose for everyone. It seeks to safeguard the welfare of people of all ages who are involved in whatever capacity with the Church and its organisations. As a Church community, we accept that it is the responsibility of all of us, ordained, professed, paid and voluntary members, to work together to prevent the physical, sexual, emotional abuse or neglect of children, young people and vulnerable adults."

S – Mass live streamed online

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) : 30 minutes before Saturday & Sunday Mass and during Wednesday's Adoration.

Sick & Housebound visit – Every First Friday after morning Mass.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – 6pm every Wednesday.

Rosary – 15min before every first Saturday/Sunday Mass.

Chaplet to the Divine Mercy – 15min before Wednesday Mass.

Children's Newsletters available at the back of the church

Weekly Parish Newsletter – Online. Free Printed version at the back of the church (Sign up required)

The church is open daily from morning till 6pm.

HMP Addiewell Sunday Mass - Missa pro populo